



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and accompanying methods for use  
therein for implementing an integrated, virtual office  
user environment, through an office server(s), through  
which a remotely stationed user can access typical office  
5 network-based applications, including e-mail, file  
sharing and hosted thin-client programs, through a  
remotely located network, e.g., WAN, connected web  
browser. Specifically, a front end, namely a service  
enablement platform (SEP), to one or more office servers  
on a LAN is connected to both the WAN and LAN and acts  
both as a bridge between the user and his(her) office  
10 applications and as a protocol translator to enable  
bi-directional, web-based, real-time communication to  
occur between the browser and each such application. The  
SEP translates user input originating from the browser  
15 into application-specific protocols and applies a result  
to a corresponding office application server.

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